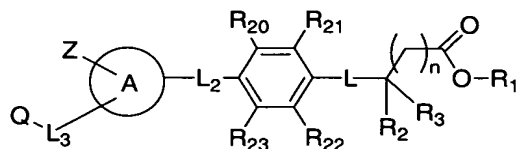


**Abstract**

The present invention relates to compounds and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of formula (I):



- 5 which are useful in the treatment of metabolic disorders related to insulin resistance or hyperglycemia. These compounds include inhibitors of protein tyrosine phosphatase (PTP-1B) that are useful in the treatment of diabetes and other PTP-1B mediated diseases, such as cancer,
- 10 neurodegenerative diseases and the like. The compounds of the invention are also useful in pharmaceutical compositions and methods of treating the aforementioned conditions.